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SUBJ: RUMORED NEW OIL REFINERY CONSTRUCTION
IN DENMARK

1. ONE DANISH NEWSPAPER REPORTED ON MARCH 5
PLANS BY "DUTCH CONCERN" CALLED JOC OIL, WITH
HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK, TO BUILD 200,000 BARRELS
PER DAY REFINERY AT KALUNBORG, DENMARK (WHERE
ESSO HAS ITS REFINERY). PRESS REPORT INDICATED
PLANS ARE WELL ADVANCED AND COMMERCE MINISTRY
APPROVAL EXPECTED LATER THIS MONTH. SEVERAL
SOURCES HAVE TOLD US THAT ARTICLE WAS EXCESSIVELY
OPTIMISTIC ON PROSPECTS BUT ALL WONDERED ABOUT
IDENTITY OF JOC OIL.

2. SEVERAL REPS OF INTERNATIONAL MAJORS ARE CHECKING
WITH THEIR HEAD OFFICES. ONE TOLD US THAT JOC
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OIL APPEARS TO BE PRINCIPALLY INTERNATIONAL

BROKER IN OIL AND HAS IN PAST BEEN INVOLVED
IN SALES OF EAST EUROPEAN (INCLUDING SOVIET)
CRUDE. NONE HAVE ANY IDEA ON SOURCE OF FUND-
ING FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR REFINERY OR EVENTUAL
SOURCE OF CRUDE SHOULD REFINERY BE CONSTRUCTED.

3. JOC OIL HAS ALSO BEEN NEGOTIATING FOR UN-
DERGROUND OIL STORAGE FACILITIES ON BRONHOLM
ISLAND AND, REPORTEDLY, HAS PUT UP A NUMBER
OF SUCH FACILITIES IN SWEDEN.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY
INFORMATION DEPARTMENT OR INFO ADDRESSEES COULD
GIVE US ABOUT JOC OIL, INDICATING WHICH OF IT MAY
BE PASSED TO INTERNATIONAL MAJORS. CURRENT
MANHATTAN DIRECTORY LISTS IT AS JOC OIL USA
INC., OIL IMPORTERS, 1290 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS.
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